

dollars in goods and services being traded between the two countries in 2006. Canada and the U.S. enjoy an interdependent energy relationship, trading oil, natural gas, coal, and electricity. Canada has a reported 178.8 billion barrels of oil reserves as of 2006, second only to Saudi Arabia. Over 95% of these reserves are in oil sands deposits in Alberta. Moreover, Canadian oil sands in Alberta have made Canada the largest exporter of oil to the U.S. and has helped alleviate our dependence on foreign sources of oil from parts of the world which geopolitically face much more risk than our neighbor to the North. Recent proposals by Canadian companies such as Enbridge and Altex to build oil pipelines from Alberta to Houston seem very promising, and I look forward to the progress they make. These 2,000-mile pipelines, which are targeted to be in service by 2010, will send over 500,000 barrels of oil per day.

I would like to congratulate Canada on its many accomplishments over the years and remain appreciative to the people and Government of Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and Government of the United States.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. GEOFF DAVIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I secured as part of H.R. 3298, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3298

Account: FTA—Buses and Bus Facilities

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky

Address of Requesting Entity: 3375 Madison Pike, Fort Wright, KY 41017

Description of Request: Appropriate \$500,000 for the Bus Replacement Program at the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK). Funds will enable TANK to purchase new buses needed for safety and capacity issues. Newer buses will also help to achieve better fuel economy and have cleaner emissions than the buses currently in use and in need of replacement. The current buses that will be replaced have been in operation for one to two years beyond their FTA-recommended useful life (13 to 14 years of operation). This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety, capacity and energy efficiency.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3298

Account: FHWA—Interstate Maintenance Discretionary

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Campbell County Fiscal Court

Address of Requesting Entity: 24 West Fourth St, Newport, KY 41071

Description of Request: Appropriate \$500,000 to rehabilitate the section of I-471 between I-275 and the Ohio River in Camp-

bell County, Kentucky. The project is listed in Kentucky's six year highway plan. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve safety, allow for continued economic growth in Northern Kentucky, and employ workers to complete the project. Importantly, I-471 will serve as an alternate route when work begins on repair or replacement of the Brent Spence Bridge on I-71/75. Rehabilitation of I-471 is critical to ensuring this redirected traffic moves in a fast and efficient manner without jeopardizing the safety of travelers. Finally, completing this maintenance will prolong the life of the road, avoiding necessity of more costly repairs.

Requesting Member: Congressman GEOFF DAVIS

Bill Number: H.R. 3298

Account: HUD—Economic Development Initiative

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Covington

Address of Requesting Entity: 2300 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY 41014

Description of Request: Appropriate \$250,000 for the renovation of the old Stewart Iron Works Building. The City of Covington is working with three non-profit social service agencies (Fairhaven Rescue Mission, Parish Kitchen, and Welcome House of Northern Kentucky) to create a multiagency one-stop for serving the needs of homeless individuals and families in the Northern Kentucky community. The project involves the rehabilitation of the Stewart Iron Works Building, relocation of several existing social service agencies into a single building. This will increase the ability to provide a full range of services, increase capacity, and provide on-site transitional housing. This project is a good use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the efficiency and quality of services for homeless individuals and families through an economy of scale. Demand for these types of services will only increase as the economy continues to struggle.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name of Requesting Entity: University of Miami

Address of Requesting Entity: 1252 Memorial Drive, Ashe Administration Building, Coral Gables, FL 33146

Description of Request: I have secured \$952,000 for the Pediatric Integrative Medicine. This funding will be used for the development of a pioneer center of excellence for a Pediatric Integrative Medicine Model, the following benefits will be realized: The University of Miami will become a resource for other institutions in the community as well as nationally who are interested in this model of care. By becoming a center of excellence, our patient population would have the advantage of receiving the most comprehensive care that is

available nationwide. The collaboration between CAM practitioners and clinicians can increase the respect between the two health care delivery systems; may also establish trust by eliminating the competition usually occurring between the two fields. The holistic approach of most CAM interventions and therapies can increase awareness of health and wellness in children at an early age. With the impact that lifestyle and behavior have on health, children can reap the benefits of this early awareness well into adulthood. Through our Pediatric Integrative Medicine Model, the University of Miami would be poised to revolutionize pediatric care and advance the use of CAM as part of standard care. Specific targeted substudies may include: Water, one of the most important elements in our bodies yet one whose intake in children is universally limited. Exploring increased hydration therapy in children would be an inexpensive home-based intervention for improving health. Enzyme Deficiency, Implicated as a cause of illness and as an effector of health, enzyme deficiencies can be improved through supplementation with natural products such as wheatgrass, raw juices and living foods. Ambient Lighting and Light Therapy, extended hospitalizations reduce exposure to sunlight, potentially causing Vitamin D deficiency. Would supplementation through Vitamin D-rich foods be effective in preventing this deficiency? Additionally, are there other adverse health effects of certain lighting techniques (e.g. fluorescent or flos-fluorescent light)? Probiotics, could probiotics be useful in maintaining optimal colon health in children? If so, are there dosage considerations to be explored based on the significantly smaller size of the colon? Furthermore, can the use of probiotics reduce recovery time in hospitalized children? Massage Therapy, the negative impacts of stress are present throughout all age groups in the U.S., but the data exploring CAM methods for stress reduction in children is sparse. Recognizing the benefits of massage in adults and even in neonates, could massage be beneficial to children with elevated stress levels (whether that stress is psychological or biological such as that from chronic diseases)? Is massage a significant effector of biological markers of stress (inflammation, cytokines, C-reactive proteins etc.)? Others, exercise, polyunsaturated fatty acids, specific vitamin and other nutritional therapies, pediatric health behavior—adherence to CAM therapies and changes in mood outcome expectations—the possibilities are extensive.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name of Requesting Entity: Miami Children's Hospital

Address of Requesting Entity: 3100 S.W. 62nd Ave., Miami, FL 33155

Description of Request: I have secured \$9,500,000 for the Miami Children's Hospital Congenital Heart Institute (CHI): Hybrid Pediatric Cardiac Suites. This funding will be used to improve the outcome for children with congenital heart disease through the construction of two new Hybrid Suites to maximize the potential of the tools and procedures that have been developed in Miami and elsewhere over the last 14 years. These adjoining hybrid suites will feature: full cardiac operating room capabilities including cardiopulmonary bypass,

dedicated pediatric cardiac anesthesia, state of the art hybrid cardiac surgical/interventional table, low dose digital flat panel imaging technology and operating room ventilation and temperature control. Additional features will also include: the first pediatric robotic hybrid suite, dynamic CT imaging of cardiac and thoracic structures, real time 3-dimensional image reconstruction allowing for new and unprecedented imaging of complex cardiac structures, state of the art networking and communication systems that facilitates real-time audio and visual communication of all images with colleagues throughout the hospital and our sister campus in Orlando, multiple in-room digital cameras and microphones for satellite broadcast transmissions, and a large viewing area and control rooms for visitors. The goal of CHI is to achieve 100 percent survivability for children with congenital heart disease, and to improve their health status throughout their lives. This mission is entirely consistent with the goals of HRSA and HHS, and better medical interventions at the early stages of the disease lead to better quality of life for patients, shorter hospital stays, and fewer hospital admissions over the lifetime. \$9.5 million is requested for equipment acquisition and facilities build out, including: cardiopulmonary bypass equipment; dedicated pediatric cardiac anesthesia equipment; hybrid cardiac surgical/interventional table; low dose digital flat panel imaging technology; operating room ventilation and temperature control; pediatric robotic hybrid suite; dynamic CT imaging equipment; networking and communication systems; multiple in-room digital cameras and microphones; and large viewing area and control rooms.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name of Requesting Entity: Collier County, FL

Address of Requesting Entity: 3301 E. Tamiami Trail, Naples, FL 34112

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the Interstate 75/Everglades Blvd. Interchange. This funding will be used to support and further develop a health care access network for the under/uninsured in Collier County. Collier County has identified more than 35,000 residents who lack quality health care. Currently, the County is experiencing overuse of its emergency health facilities. The numbers of uninsured/underinsured will continue to grow as job growth in the area has been strongest among low-paying jobs, which typically do not offer health insurance. This project seeks to expand, organize, and develop a full access program with a full continuum of services for approximately 35,000 residents needing health care. The initial phase of this project has been the adoption of a shared information database between the portals of entry for the poor into the system. Future phases of the project include marketing and full penetration of the pollution of the uninsured/underinsured individuals, and the hiring and training of community workers. The Physician Led Access Network (PLAN) is an example of a successful program helping the uninsured through physicians volunteering their time. The project will have a significant economic impact as lack of access to health care leads to diminishing physical and economic distress on individuals and communities.

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL-25)

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: HRSA

Name of Requesting Entity: Camillus House, Inc

Address of Requesting Entity: 336 NW Fifth Street, Miami, FL 33128

Description of Request: I have secured \$3,633,000 for the Construction of a New Behavioral Health Facility for the Homeless. This funding will be used for the relocation and expansion to its main center for behavioral health treatment and supportive services programs to a new facility. Camillus will be able to provide more health care and social services to the poor and homeless in Miami-Dade County. Camillus is committed to ending chronic homelessness in Miami within the next 10 years, and this new expanded facility will help them reach that goal. In recognition of the value of the services Camillus provides to the community, Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami have each committed \$10,000,000 to the project. Camillus House has provided humanitarian services to the poor and homeless populations of Miami-Dade County, Florida for more than 48 years. Last year, Camillus House provided 360,000 free meals, emergency housing to 2000 individuals, over 27,000 medical encounters as well as substance abuse and work training programs. Services include basic emergency services such as food and shelter, substance abuse and mental health treatment, primary health care, housing, and career development at 15 sites around Miami-Dade County. One of Camillus' most successful programs is its behavioral health treatment program. Camillus operates one of the country's most effective residential behavioral health treatment programs—with an outstanding success rate of 89 percent.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmark I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name/Amount: An Achievable Dream, \$300,000

Intended Recipient: An Achievable Dream, 10858 Warwick Boulevard, Suite A, Newport News, VA 23601

Project Description: The 1,250 students in grades kindergarten through 12th benefit from An Achievable Dream's support of social, academic and moral curricula proven effective over 16 years of operating the public/private partnership with Newport News Public Schools. This multi-faceted approach has continued to provide the tools needed for underprivileged youth to close the achievement gap with their more affluent counterparts. It has been a major focus of the federal government to provide support to public education to raise standards and performance. This objective is embodied through major federal initiatives and legislation such as the No Child Left Behind Act. Funds would be used for personnel ex-

penses and supplies such as uniforms, reading materials, extended day materials, and Saturday school supplies.

Project Name/Amount: Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters Facilities and Equipment, \$250,000

Intended Recipient: Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, 601 Children's Lane, Norfolk, VA 23507

Project Description: Funding will be used to procure a mobile MRI unit to serve Oyster Point and other satellite medical office buildings in the CHKD health system. This equipment will help clear a backlog of critical MRI services, ensure that children receive the specialized treatment needed in pediatric services and provide access to this diagnostic tool to children in the Hampton Roads area, Virginia and North Carolina.

Project Name/Amount: Germanna Community College Online LPN and Paramedic to RN Program, \$100,000

Intended Recipient: Germanna Community College, 10000 Germanna Point Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Project Description: Germanna Community College plays a major role in overcoming the region's nurse shortage, and it must ensure an adequate supply of qualified nurses. The need for the Online LPN and Paramedic-to-RN program is evidenced by the absence of programs for working healthcare professionals to readily access associate degree nursing education. The Online program will increase the pool of qualified Registered Nurses for the area workforce. The program will provide the region with a total of over 400 Registered Nurses over the next four years. In addition, the program will allow LPNs and Paramedics to advance their careers while working and contributing to the workforce. The Online program will deliver the nursing curriculum. Only the clinical instruction component requires the physical presence of students. The program will provide distance learning courses as well as clinics on campuses and in hospitals. Federal funding would be used for full program development, designated nursing faculty, and accreditation.

Project Name/Amount: Massey Cancer Center, Virginia Commonwealth University, \$600,000

Intended Recipient: Virginia Commonwealth University, 910 W. Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23284

Project Description: These funds would be used to renovate a 7500 sq. ft research space that will be improved to accommodate the current and planned pre-clinical and translational cancer research (the rapid advancement of laboratory findings to clinical trials and patient care) activities in the Goodwin Research Laboratory at Virginia Commonwealth University.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010: